Rules for the grant of land under the scheme for the creation of large land estates, sanctioned in Government Order No. R. 4009-21—L. R. 522-13-5, dated the 1st December 1914.

1. Each estate will consist of one or more survey numbers situated in a compact block not less than 50 and not more than 200 acres, provided that no block shall contain more than 50 acres classed as wet or garden land.

2. Where a block consists of both dry and garden lands, and it is not possible to have them contiguous, each class may be in a separate block, situated within a reasonably convenient distance.

The following classes of land will be made available for forming such estates:—

(*a*) Assessed waste lands.

(*b*) Unassessed lands not allotted for any communal purpose.

(*c*) *Bechirakh* villages.

(*d*) Gomal lands which may be made available without prejudice to the interest of the village cattle.

(*e*) Date and forest reserves and Amrut Mahal Kavals, which are not required by the Departments concerned.

3. A list of all available lands of the classes described above will be published in the Gazette from time to time by the Deputy Commissioners, and applications invited therefor. But applicants will be free to select lands not so notified, and apply to the Deputy Commissioner for their being granted under these rules.

4. Persons desirous of taking up lands under the scheme should after selecting the lands required by them apply to the Deputy Commissioner of the District in which the lands are situated, with a rough sketch or map of the lands selected by them showing also the boundaries thereof.

5. Each application should contain the following information:—

(*a*) whether the applicant is a native of Mysore, or whether he has settled down in Mysore, and how long he has resided there;

(*b*) what capital he is prepared to invest;

(*c*) whether he intends to introduce any new crops or new or improved agricultural processes;

(*d*) whether he means to undertake any special agricultural industries, such as dairy farming, cattle breading, etc.; and

(*e*) whether he is likely to require the advice of the Agricultural Department.

6. Whenever an application is received for any block not advertised in the Gazette as available, a notice of such application will be published in the Gazette.

7. No application will be disposed of before the expiry of three months after a description of blocks applied for, and available has been published in the Gazette.

8. An upset price will be fixed for each block but it will be discretionary with Government in cases in which a large outlay is required to bring the lands under cultivation or for other reasons, to allow the upset price to be paid in instalments or in exceptional cases of hardship to remit it altogether.

9. Where more than on application are received for the same block, it will be sold by public auction.

10. When an application has been received the Deputy Commissioner, after causing such enquiry as he may consider necessary to make shall forward it to Government through the Revenue Commissioner with his recommendation for sanction.

11. Lands granted under the scheme will be held free of assessment for the first five years, on $\frac{1}{8}$th, $\frac{1}{4}$th, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ths assessment during the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th years, respectively, and on full assessment from the 10th year and onwards from the date the land is taken possession of by the applicant.

12. The successful applicant will be at liberty to use a part of the land in providing pasturage for the cattle, house sites for building houses for agriculturists employed on the estate, and in erecting farm houses and other buildings which may be considered necessary for the better cultivation of the land or its more convenient occupation for purposes of agriculture. The assessment will, however, be payable on the whole block granted to the applicant according to Rule 4.

13. The grantee should bring under cultivation 50 per cent of the area, remaining after deducting the portion utilised in the manner referred to in Rule 12 above, within the first five years from the date of occupying the block, and a proportionate area every year of the remaining period, *viz.*, five years.

14. The grantee should also put up farm-houses and cattle sheds within the first year of the grant. But the Deputy Commissioner may relax this condition if he is satisfied that the applicant is otherwise making strenuous efforts to work the farm.

15. No private alienations by sale, gift, mortgage or otherwise of the blocks will be permitted or recognised by Government, and no loan will be sanctioned by Government on the security of the land included in the estate before full assessment is paid, and title deed granted by the Deputy Commissioner.

16. Each estate created under these rules will be regarded as a single unit, and may not be partitioned without the sanction of Government; and a breach of this clause will render the whole occupancy liable to forfeiture.

17. A mutchalika should be obtained from every grantee setting forth the conditions of the grant, and any breach thereof will render the grant liable to be cancelled by Government.

18. The Agricultural Department will, on application through the Deputy Commissioner, give free of cost such advice as may be conducive to the better cultivation of the holding.

19. Grants under these rules will be made only to *bona fide* subjects of the Mysore State, or to those who have settled down permanently therein as active agriculturists; and Government reserve to themselves the power to reject any application without assigning any reason.

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